



REVIEWING TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY IN RECENT  
A VENTURE BREAKING THE SHELL:  
**TURKEY'S BOTH POWER**

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Turkey, tussling with the challenges in domestic and abroad since the beginning 2010s, has resisted the blows deriving from multidimensional fronts and in divergent times whether its allies champion it as well as chronical troubles such as PKK, ISIS and FETO terrorism. Furthermore, Turkey, whose neighbors such as Syria, Iraq, Iran, Greece have crucial situations and instability, had to get an exit strategy from whirlpool that is located in. It also meant that new Turkey image reviving by gaining strength was not just regional power but also taking a step towards a global power. At point Turkey's vision is heavily influenced by offensive realism doctrine and the balance of threat model. It rests on a particularly aggressive interpretation abroad in Syria, Libya, Iraq, Kosovo, Mexico, Albania and so on.

At least what I consider the theory of realism in international relations is defined as "if you are enemy of my, you would rigorously taste my punch. Otherwise, if you are my close friend, you deserve my kindness, my generosity, my hug and my richness. Despite everything this statement is changeable for Turkey. Since Turkey embrace to help the countries without discriminating enemy or friend, it dispatched equipment's mask, disinfectant agent, plastic glove to 132 countries and brought foreigners from Wuhan –where pandemic break out- to their home beginning the covid-19 process. As we all witness Turkey sent assistance to such countries as Israel, Iran, Serbia, Brazil, Somalia, UK and USA. It was also obvious symptom of management of crisis Turkey possessed.

Covid-19 pandemic give room and opportunity in international sphere for turkey's multidimensional foreign policy. Thus, the chance of recovering the relationship between turkey and its temporary rival such as Iran, Israel, Armenia took place in such a way even if the reasonable step has been criticized by some environment like opponent highlighting the helps as expense or wastes, it would basically give rise to brighten the Turkey's image in international arena. One of the most advance sectors in turkey health sector and transportation has been an apparatus the soft power of Turkey in winning the world of approval. In fact, after the cold war, cooperating through international institutions like UN Security Council and recently World Health Organization have no prominence ensuring the peace and intervention to crisis in the conflict regions. We all have testified the weakness of WHO in taking measure to hinder while dispersing covid-19 pandemic across the globe. For Turkey have prevailed the situation it was expected to affect positively Antalya, Istanbul, Bodrum and

Fethiye unlike Paris, New York, Rome, Barcelona, Hong Kong.

Not to be restricted with developments of pandemic, Turkey has been conducting its soft power by institutions, individuals, companies and NGOs. Initially, hosting the Champions League Final match in Istanbul, Turkey have manifested its capability of comprehensive organizations by virtue of infrastructure. Secondly, consisting of vital quatro alliance amongst Turkey, Pakistan, Qatar, Malaysia has been menacing the OIC leading Saudi Arabia and BAE. The alliance has been challenged to be avoided in that lead to several new conditions for Saudi Arabia, Egypt and BAE. The third one was opening the Hagia Sophia is not only regional power message but also in globe. Even if it has a symbolic meaning in the fact that it is a sample of Turkey's strong attitude against the world. The other factor is challenging economic and political crisis for a while Lebanese people have protested instability in the country and praised the President Erdogan and Turkey. What is that mean? In parallel, in Jerusalem where always appreciating by Jerusalemite people for Turkey did, Israel have devastated buildings constructed by TIKA. On the other hand, the Turkic Council have been constituted with the guidance of Turkey containing such countries that spoke Turkish as Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan. Eventually, assuming the mantle of Presidency of General Assembly of United Nations, Volkan Bozkır was besides implication of boosting Turkey's soft power in political spectrum in UN.

In case Turkey consolidates its capacity concerning militarily, that is hard power, it has efficiency that is able to exploit it in correct while and correct place, I mean traditionally state mind. To make it apparent, with the TB2 by Bayraktar UAV launching the operations in Iraq, Syria and Libya, Turkey has procured advantage in the field against terrorist organization PKK, Marshall Haftar in Libya and Assad regime in Syria in operations titled Spring Shield, Olive Branch, Peace Spring, Euphrates Shield and Paw Operations. In addition to intermediate range missiles Bozdoğan, Gokdoğan, Atmaca has strengthened the Turkey's operations in East Mediterranean. Moreover, supplying S-400 air defense system from Russia, Turkey is anymore controlling the wide range of Middle East and North Africa and East Mediterranean. All these things have contributed the deterrence potential of Turkey.

CAATS military sanctions that the United States apply to Turkey did not affect the scope of the

Turkish Defense Industry as bad as expected. However, institutional and individual sanctions package that includes a number of restrictions were undermining the US-Turkey alliance. Despite this, Turkey to review their alliance balance splendidly in international relations, it seems likely chosen as a strategic objective that rapprochement political, economic and most probably militarily with United Kingdom leaving the European Union with Brexit against United States. Additionally, Turkey's rapprochement with Britain appears to alleviate the US sanctions. Since neither nature nor politics accepts emptiness. This strategic move tensions in the Eastern Mediterranean and Cyprus will strengthen Turkey's hand is evident. Furthermore, it is critical to conduct a free trade agreement with the UK which is the second country to export. We aware Britain has been following the developments in the Turkish Defense Industry recently. They do not hide their feelings in drones that change the status quo and war balances, especially in Libya, Idlib and Nagorno-Karabakh. In later times we can see Turkey exports UAVs to the UK.

Turkey, experiencing the geopolitical dilemmas with Russia, has adopted an attitude of defending the integrity of territory of Ukraine in an unfair manner with the invasion of Ukraine and Crimea. This has strengthened ties and military cooperation was held between both countries. Turkey's rapprochement with Ukraine writing the book in defense industry sphere as we say is crucial and historic in terms of balancing Russia. Because Russia has made an effort to increase its visibility with the slow withdrawal of the USA from the Middle East and Africa regions. Breaking the shell with hard and soft power tools against Russian and Iranian expansionism and United States' political and military maneuvering in the regions, Turkey has built its foreign policy and military strategy on rhetoric "poor ally and decent opponent" as well. On one hand, Maritime Boundary Treaty signed between Turkey and National Government Accord of Libya was unprecedented drive in recent advances. Intending the maintenance of descend from the Ottoman Empire in Libya, Turkey is akin to reaping the fruits of the victory against the alliance of France, UAE, Russia and puppet Haftar. Indeed, I was predicting Turkey has a political move that upset the balances by means of appointment of Emrullah Isler as Turkey's envoy for Libya who once was consultant to President Erdogan. When it comes to the latest developments in Libya, we definitely assure that the envoy has accomplished by fortifying the links between tribes and Turkey and spurring the grassroots with the contribution of National Intelligence Service (MIT)

in favor of our country. Turkey has been cooperating with Italy against France and Russia in Libya. Meanwhile, it is ally with Russia in some part of Syria. What does it mean? This is explicitly diplomatic successful of Turkey's foreign policy makers.

Another point is Turkey's deployment troops in Somalia and Qatar. Let's remember, National Intelligence Service (MIT) had mediated between Boko Haram and Italy government for rescuing an Italian woman last month. Plus, we know that restraining the coup attempt in Tunisia by National Intelligence Service (MIT). Therefore, these implicate Turkey decided using power in different phase in relationship anymore.

In recent, Turkey is adequate to utilize soft power instruments by implementing humanitarian diplomacy/foreign policy and pursuing preventive and deterrence hard power tools. Thereupon, I humbly conceptualize this foreign policy preference of Turkey as "Both Power". It should be underlined Turkey's soft power institutions such as YTB, TIKA, Maarif and Diyanet Foundation, Yunus Emre Institute and other humanitarian communities with hard power like Law Enforcement Agency, Turkish Armed Forces, National Intelligence Service via same sustainability and coherence in bureaucracy. To sum up, an idiom, the hit not managed to kill would cement us.



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